with those of civil employees of Central Government of equivalent status. In addition, the Armed Forces personnel are given a number of other perquisites and facilities not admissible to civilian employees. Review of terms and conditions of Defence Services is an on-going process and such revisions as are considered desirable and feasible are made from time to time.

Gun development team in Ordnance Factory Jabalpur

4703. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any 'gun development team' existing inside the Ordnance Factory GCF Jabalpur under Ministry of Defence and if so, since when it is existing;

(b) what are their achievements and contributions to the defence forces of the country;

(c) whether any awards were given to any member of^thc team;

(d) whether it is permanent;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether there is any move to shift the team elsewhere and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Gun Development team was constituted temporarily in 1964 and was wound up on 31 December 1991.

(b) The team had developed Indian Mountain Gun System, Indian Field Gun System and its lighter version.

(c) Three service officers of the team were given awards for their work.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The team was formed on a temporary basis for specific projects.

(0 Does not arise in view of answers to parts (d) and (e) above.

Overhauling of unviable defence production units

4704. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some unviable defence productions units are to undertake a mr sive overhauling programme to overcon their shortcomings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has be* drawn therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The Ord ance Factory Board and the defence pub lic sector undertakings have plans for selective modernisation of their produ tion facilities. The plans are evolved aft a thorough consideration of technical an commercial aspects. As regards details plans, it will not be in the public intere to disclose.

Concern expressed by Japan on hill military expenditure

4705. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japanese Govern me have recently conveyed its concern over assistance being given to countries with high military expenditure, if so, tl details thereof;

(b) whether a Japanese Government high level mission on economic at technical cooperation has recently sougl clarification from Indian Government regarding its nuclear, plans alongwith it ballistic development and deployme initiatives as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 30th March, 1995; an

(c) if so, the details thereof an reactions of Government thereto?